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Applicant : Yaron Mayer

Reply to Office action of Jan. 25, 2006

**REMARKS/ARGUMENTS**

1. Regarding your rejection of claims 1-3, 7-11, 17-18, 21-22 and 46-55 based on 35 USC 112 as being indefinite, I have corrected the claims accordingly as instructed. In addition, I would like to point out that various expressions, such as for example "the user", "the contactee list" and "the user's computer" would be clear in meaning anyway to anyone skilled in the art because they are integral elements in an Instant Messaging system, the same as for example the words "the car's wheels" would be clear to anyone in a claim about cars even without claiming explicitly the wheels. Similarly, the word contactee obviously refers to any person on the contactee list. Also, I would like to point out that the antecedent basis for the word "elements" in claim 9 is in the second line of claim 8. Similarly for example the words "the browser" would be clear anyway in the context of an Internet Service since access to Internet sites is typically done with a browser. The antecedent basis for the words "the notification" in claim 55 was in line 2 of claim 21 (now in line 2 of claim 22). The antecedent basis for the words "the system" in claim 55 was in line 1 of claim 21 (now in line 1 of claim 7).
2. Regarding the double patenting issue of claims 1-3, 7-11, 17-18, 21-22 and 46-55, I would like to point out there is no problem of timewise extension because both applications are a CIP of the same basic PCT application PCT/IL 01/00572 and therefore start from the same first priority (Israeli patent application 136945 of June 22, 2000) and therefore the patent term of both applications will automatically end at the same time anyway. However, I will file the terminal disclaimer before the allowance.

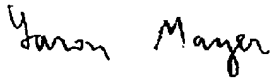
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Therefore, I respectfully request that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. However, since I need to file the terminal disclaimer and since I might still want to make some changes to the claims, prior to issuing the notice of allowance please send me a notice that the other objections have been met, so that I can file the terminal disclaimer and/or make additional changes in the claims before the allowance.

Respectfully submitted,

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